

ORDINANCE No. 5237

**ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 13, WATER AND SEWERS,
OF THE WHEELING MUNICIPAL CODE (WATER AND SEWERS)**

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees have reviewed the recommendation of village staff regarding proposed changes to the water and sewer user charges and stormwater utility fees; and

WHEREAS, charges shall be made to the consumers of water, sewer, and stormwater services that are sufficient to pay the costs, maintenance, operations, and depreciation of the water, sewer, and stormwater systems, and to pay the principal and interest of any bonds that may be issued for the construction, installation, repair, and improvement of the water, sewer, and stormwater systems; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees deem it to be in the best interest of the Village to amend Title 13, Water and Sewers, of the Wheeling Municipal Code, to amend the schedule of fees for water consumed and sewer and stormwater system services used to ensure sufficient funding for the operation of the water, sewer, and stormwater systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WHEELING, COUNTIES OF COOK AND LAKE, STATE OF ILLINOIS:

SECTION A

Title 13, Water and Sewers, Section 13.04.200, of the Wheeling Municipal Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.04.200 Schedule of fees for water consumed.

(a) For all water billed by the Village of Wheeling during January 2019, and thereafter, the consumer shall pay six dollars and twenty four cents (\$6.24) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

(b) Each and every user, consumer, or property that is connected to the Village's water service shall pay a minimum bi-monthly Basic User Charge of eighteen dollars and seventy two cents (\$18.72) for water billed in January 2019, and thereafter.

(c) Bulk water users may purchase water from the public works hydrant at a minimum charge of twenty four dollars and ninety six cents (\$24.96), or to be billed in accordance with subsection (a) of this section if the amount of water purchased exceeds twenty four dollars and ninety six cents (\$24.96).

SECTION B

Title 13, Water and Sewers, Section 13.08.080(d), of the Wheeling Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(d) Basic User Charge. There shall be and there is established a Basic User Charge for the connection to, use of, and for service supplied by the sewer system of the Village. A Basic User Charge is established as follows: For bills during January 2019, and thereafter, one dollar and fifty four cents (\$1.54) per one thousand gallons (1,000) of billed water usage;

A minimum charge, as follows:

For water billed during January 2019, and thereafter, four dollars and sixty two cents (\$4.62) per bi-monthly billing period shall be applied to all users whose water consumption does not exceed three thousand (3,000) gallons per bi-monthly billing period. All non-metered residential users of the waste water system shall pay a minimum flat rate of twenty four dollars and sixty four cents (\$24.64). The flat rate will allow a maximum of sixteen thousand (16,000) gallons per bi-monthly billing period.

In the event use of the sewer system is determined by the Village to be in excess of sixteen thousand (16,000) gallons per bi-monthly billing period, the Village may require such flat rate user to install metering devices on the water supply or sewer system service line to measure the amount of service supplied.

SECTION C

Title 13, Water and Sewers, Section 13.14.060, of the Wheeling Municipal Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.14.060 Stormwater Utility Fee.

A. Fee Imposed. A stormwater utility fee is hereby imposed on the owners of property in the village. The village board shall retain at all times the power and authority to set stormwater utility fee rates. The village shall review the adequacy of the stormwater utility fee rate annually in connection with the budget process. The rate may be revised to reflect any changes in local capital costs, operation, or maintenance, plus replacement codes.

B. Rates. The stormwater utility fee for all parcels in the village shall be based on the amount of impervious area on the parcel. The billing unit shall be based on the mean level of imperviousness on single family residential parcels. This billing unit is known as an equivalent runoff unit ("ERU") and a single ERU has been determined to be three thousand square feet of impervious surface in the village. All parcels in the village shall be assessed a minimum of one ERU.

1. Effective January 1, 2019, the stormwater utility fee rate per equivalent runoff unit ("ERU") per month shall be two dollars and seventy five cents. The stormwater utility fee shall be a monthly fee.

2. Single Family Residential. Each parcel that contains a single family residential dwelling unit shall be assessed only one ERU per parcel.

3. Non-Single Family Residential. All non-single family residential parcels in the village shall be assessed a stormwater utility fee based on the measured number of ERU's on the parcel multiplied by the rate per ERU as set forth in subsection B.1. above, but not less than one ERU per parcel.

SECTION D

Those sections, paragraphs, and provisions of Title 13, Water and Sewers, of the Wheeling Municipal code which are not expressly amended or repealed by this Ordinance are hereby re-enacted; and it is expressly declared to be the intention of this Ordinance not to amend any portion of the Wheeling Municipal Code other than that expressly amended in Sections A, B and C of this Ordinance.

SECTION E

If any provision of this Ordinance, or any application thereof to any person, property or circumstance, shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect other provisions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION F

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Trustee Vogel moved, seconded by Trustee KRUEGER,
that Ordinance No. 5237 be passed.

President Horcher Age

Trustee Brady ABSENT

Trustee Krueger Age

Trustee Lang Age

Trustee Papantos Age

Trustee Vito Age

Trustee Vogel Age

APPROVED this 17th day of December, 2018.


Patrick Horcher, Village President

ATTEST:


Elaine E. Simpson, Village Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:


Village Attorney



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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS:
COUNTY OF COOK)

CERTIFICATE

I, Elaine E. Simpson, certify that I am the duly elected and acting Municipal Clerk of the Village of Wheeling, Cook & Lake Counties, Illinois.

I further certify that on December 17, 2018, the Corporate Authorities of such municipality passed and approved Ordinance No. 5237 entitled "**Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Title 13, Water and Sewers, of the Wheeling Municipal Code (Water and Sewers)**" which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. 5237, including the Ordinance and a cover sheet thereof, was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the municipal building, commencing on December 18, 2018, and continuing for at least ten days thereafter. Copies of such Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

DATED at Wheeling, Illinois, this 17th day of December, 2018.




Elaine E. Simpson - Municipal Clerk



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Dec 17, 2018 - Village Board Regular Meeting Agenda
Category	13. New Business - All Listed Items for Discussion and Possible Action
Subject	L. Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Title 13, Water and Sewers, of the Wheeling Municipal Code (Water and Sewers)
Access	Public
Type	Action
Fiscal Impact	Yes
Budgeted	Yes
Budget Source	Water and Sewer Fund
Recommended Action	Motion to Approve

Public Content

From: Michael Mondschain, Finance Director
Subject: Water, Sewer and Stormwater Fee Increase

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As discussed with the Village Board at the November 3 budget workshop, a 2.50% increase in water and sewer rates and a .25 cent increase in the stormwater fee are necessary to ensure that sufficient funds are available to operate and maintain the water, sanitary, and stormwater service systems. The attached ordinance, if approved, adjusts these rates effective beginning in January 2019.

MEMO

Water and Sewer Rates

Several years ago, the Village conducted a water and sewer rate study to ensure adequate funding of the Water and Sewer Fund. The engineering firm hired to conduct the study presented the Board with four options for rate increases. After reviewing each of the options, the Board voted for one that was structured to produce enough revenue to offset the annual costs of operating the system and pay for a proactive water main replacement program on a pay-as-you-go basis, without having to sell long-term debt.

The option the Board chose was also structured to help achieve and maintain a fund balance goal of 25% to ensure that the Village would have adequate cash reserves for unplanned repair and replacement projects and emergencies, without having to borrow from other funds or incur debt to cover such expenses. To achieve these goals, the study recommended that the Village approve annual increases to the water and sewer rates to offset rising costs, something the Board has done every year since 2004.

For 2019, staff is recommending a rate increase of .19 cents (2.50%) per 1,000 gallons in order to provide adequate funding to operate the water and sewer system now and in the future. The proposed rate increase will fund the projects included in the Capital Improvement Program and maintain a minimum 25% fund balance reserve (provided certain assumptions regarding water sales and future rate increases are realized) through Fiscal Year 2023.

If approved, the 2.50% increase in rates will apply to all water billed beginning in January 2019 and continuing thereafter with rates changing from \$7.59 per 1,000 gallons to \$7.78 per 1,000 gallons. The increase would cost the "average" resident (based on using 7,000 gallons per month) an additional \$1.14 per month, or \$13.68 per year. Listed below is a history of water and sewer rate increases since 2010.

WATER AND SEWER RATE HISTORY

Fiscal Year	Water	Sewer	Total	% Increase
2019 (proposed)	\$6.24	\$1.54	\$7.78	2.50%
2018	\$6.09	\$1.50	\$7.59	1.47%
2017	\$6.00	\$1.48	\$7.48	3.03%
2016	\$5.82	\$1.44	\$7.26	2.98%
2015	\$5.65	\$1.40	\$7.05	4.26%
2014	\$5.41	\$1.34	\$6.75	2.50%
2013	\$5.28	\$1.31	\$6.59	4.60%
2012	\$5.05	\$1.25	\$6.30	4.50%
2011	\$4.83	\$1.20	\$6.03	4.50%
2010	\$4.62	\$1.15	\$5.77	4.53%

Stormwater Fees

In January of 2015, the Village Board was presented with a Stormwater Management Plan prepared by an engineering firm with input from Village staff and elected officials. The plan identified over \$48 million of stormwater improvement projects for current and future Village Boards to consider funding over a 30-year timeframe. In addition to flood improvement projects, the plan identified approximately \$800,000 of annual operating expenses that the Village must fund to maintain the stormwater system.

In 2016, the Village implemented a stormwater utility fee to generate the funds needed to pay for stormwater-related operating and capital improvement costs. Staff recommended (and the Board approved) an initial fee of \$2.00 per Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU), with single-family homes paying for one ERU per month and commercial, industrial, and multi-family developments paying a multiple of one ERU based on the amount of impervious area on their property.

When the initial fee was approved, staff recommended starting low—in order to reduce the impact to those users with substantial amounts of impervious area on their property—and suggested increasing the rate incrementally over time in order to eventually address all of the needs identified in the Stormwater Management Plan. The following shows the Village's history of stormwater fee increases:

Fiscal Year	Stormwater Fee	\$ Increase
2019 (proposed)	\$2.75	.25
2018	\$2.50	.25
2017	\$2.25	.25
2016 (initial rate)	\$2.00	N/A

Staff recommends increasing the fee this year from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per ERU to provide additional revenue to fund projects. At \$2.75 per ERU, the Village can expect to raise \$835,000 in revenue next year to offset budgeted expenditures of \$2,260,000. The additional \$.25 would generate another \$75,000 for the Stormwater Fund on an annualized basis.

The proposed FY 2019 budget includes expenditures for a south Wheeling Road lift station, drainage improvements in east Dunhurst and Eastchester, and remapping of the Buffalo Creek regulatory floodplain. Funds are also budgeted to pay for stormwater-related operating costs consistent with the Village's financial policy, which allows up to 25% of the revenue to be used for that purpose. An increase in the stormwater rate will allow the Village to pay for these and future projects as described in more detail in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

[2019 FINAL WS AND STORMWATER ORD.pdf \(25 KB\)](#)

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